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ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON MIP'S TAKE PLACE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, IN ORDER FOR US VIEWS TO BE HEARD BEFORE FINAL COMMISSION DECISIONS. MISSION HAS MAILED COPIES OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO WASHINGTON AND WILL SUMMARIZE THEM BY CABLE. MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIJZEN'S ABSENCE, THE MISSION CONVEYED TO EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL LESLIE FIELDING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL ON NOVEMBER 13. FIELDING SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT DATE FOR TWO REASONS: (A) A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY EXPERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE THEN WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE IN BRUSSELS (B) THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS EXPECTS TO COMMENT ON MIP PROPOSALS BY THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE FOR AGRICULTURE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THAT DATE WOULD ALLOW THE US VIEWS TO BE HEARD BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

3. FIELDING STATED THAT THE EC WOULD HOLD MEANINGFUL SUBSTANTIVE TALKS AND GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO US VIEWS, ALTHOUGH HE COULD OF COURSE GIVE NO GUARANTEES. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD ENTER THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE POINTS OF VIEW OF EITHER SIDE IN REGARD TO THE 1969 CONSULTATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO FIELDING, PLANS NOW CALL FOR THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS FORMAL DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE AT THE END OF THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, AT WHICH TIME IT HOPES TO PUT A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL.

5. FIELDING HAS FURNISHED US A COPY OF THE TWO BASIC REGULATIONS DRAFTED BY THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS. WE ARE MAILING COPIES OF THESE BASIC REGULATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL TO RPE/ALBRECHT, STR/PROPPS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND AGRICULTURE/WHITE. WE WILL ALSO SEND A CABLE SUMMARY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT: (A) TO INFORM US WHETHER THE DATE PROPOSED BY COMMISSION IS ACCEPTABLE. (MISSION BELIEVES THAT A MEETING COULD BEGIN AT 1500 HRS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.); (B) TO LET US KNOW IF WASHINGTON PLANS TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE; (C) TO FURNISH US BEFORE NOVEMBER 19 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE

CONSULTATIONS IF THE MISSION IS EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEM. GREENWALD

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